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one interested in having this organization on as broad foundation as possible is earnestly invited to present any suggestions that may be helpful in that direction, in writing by the middle of April, 1910, so that all these suggestions may be properly classified and collated and put in condition for most thorough consideration before the meeting above referred to actually takes place. Such communications may be addressed to the temporary secretary, Dr. B. C. Hesse, 90 William Street, New York City.

THE GRAZ INTERNATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL CONGRESS

THE committee having the affairs of the congress in hand have secured reduced rates on all of the railroads of Austria for the members and participants in the congress. First-class travel will be given on payment of second-class fares, and second-class for third-class fares. This applies not only to the excursions but to all railway travel in Austria from the moment the boundary is crossed, and is available from the tenth of August until the tenth of September. To avail themselves of this privilege members must have their membership cards before reaching Austria, and therefore they should send the fees for membership to the Steiermärkische Eskomptebank, Graz, Austria, so that the membership cards may reach them in good season. The money may be sent by postal order. Those who have not yet received the preliminary circulars of the congress, with the blanks for membership and excursions, should address the Praesidium des VIII Internationaler Zoologenkongress, Universitätsplatz 2, Graz, Austria. A second circular relating to the congress will probably be issued in March or early April. This will be sent to all whose names have been sent in, either as probable members or as desiring further information. It may be well to say that all persons intending to attend the congress should engage their return passage to America at the same time that they obtain their outward accommodations. European travel promises to be very heavy this year, and early application is advisable.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

LORD RAYLEIGH has been elected a foreign associate of the Paris Academy of Sciences in succession to the late Simon Newcomb. Sir Patrick Manson has been elected a foreign correspondent in the section of medicine and surgery.

THE Edison medal of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers was presented to Professor Elihu Thomson at the annual dinner of the institute on February 24.

FOR the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which is to take place this year at Sheffield, beginning on August 31, under the presidency of the Rev. Professor T. G. Bonney, F.R.S., the following presidents have been appointed to the various sections: Section A (Mathematical and Physical Science), E. W. Hobson, F.R.S.; Section B (Chemistry), J. E. Stead, F.R.S.; Section C (Geology), Professor A. P. Coleman, Ph.D.; Section D (Zoology), Professor G. C. Bourne, D.Sc.; Section E (Geography), Professor A. J. Herbertson, Ph.D.; Section F (Economic Science and Statistics), Sir H. Llewellyn Smith, K.C.B.; Section G (Engineering), Professor W. E. Dalby, D.Sc.; Section H (Anthropology), W. Crooke, B.A.; Section I (Physiology), Professor A. B. Macallum, F.R.S.; Section K (Botany), Professor J. W. H. Trail, F.R.S.; Section L (Educational Science), Principal H. A. Miers, F.R.S.

THE Athenæum Club has elected under the provisions of the rule which empowers the annual election of nine persons "of distinguished eminence in science, literature, the arts, or for public services," Mr. William Bateson, F.R.S., director of the John Innes Horticultural Institute, Merton, and Professor Henry Taylor Bovey, F.R.S., dean of the faculty of applied science of McGill University.

DR. A. R. FORSYTH has resigned the Sadlerian professorship of pure mathematics at the University of Cambridge.

SIR WILLIAM HUGGINS, F.R.S., the eminent astronomer, celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday on February 7 at his residence at Tulsehill.